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FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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Hotel Santa Barbara

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Santa Barbara, CA

Chair: Nancy Dolton

- I. Chair Nancy Dolton called the meeting order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Hett Smith took roll call:
Dolton, Ross, Lambrinos, Goode, Esquivel, Kim-Selby, Lundeen, Latimer, Wyman, Pynoos, Dennison, Schachter, Glavaz, and Karr were present. Acosta, Ayala, Lacayo, Scharlach and Yee were excused absent. Chen and Wong were unexcused absent.
- III. Introductions – Sharon Spiegel, representing Congresswoman Lois Capps welcomed the Commission and attended a portion of the meeting.
- IV. The Commission approved the agenda by consent.
- V. Approval of minutes was not possible since they have not been posted to the website at this time.
- VI. There were no public comments.
- VII. Chair's Report - none
- VIII. Executive Committee Report (Nancy Dolton):
The Commission approved a temporary bylaws change to allow for the election of officers for December 2005. Elections will be postponed until February 2006 meeting. Evaluation of the executive director was undertaken by the Executive Committee and will be completed shortly.
- IX. Executive Director/Staff Reports – Sandra Fitzpatrick
 - A. Fitzpatrick reported on various speaking engagements with other groups on behalf of the Commission (Mental Health Planning Council). It was also proposed that the Commission meet in May in conjunction with Consumer Affairs Event on May 12.
 - B. Facilities relocation – are now in 1300 National Drive, Suite 173. Few little glitches but we are up and running. Hosted an ice cream social with California Department of Aging. Cleaning of files in CCoA office.

- C. Financial Statement – All three groups ended up with carryover: CSL 20,000, TACC 70,000, and CCoA 120,000.
 - D. CSL Transition – Leadership Challenges still exist with JRC. CSL missed May 1, 2005 deadline to select an administrative entity. They are still in negotiations with the State Controller's Office. Under State Controller's budget, CSL will have an SSA position and receive accounting, budget, IT, and limited personnel support from Controller. They would not have an executive director or manager level position from Controller. CSL is currently at risk of losing their funding status on the tax check off form due to statutory required projections by Franchise Tax Board each year in September. In the CSL October session, a member of CSL will bring forward a proposal for CCoA to continue being the CSL administrative figure. Dolton advised that CSL is supposed to get 10 percent of Executive Director's time. She would like for CCoA to keep a better record of the time used for CSL. CCoA will be losing staff with historical knowledge of AB 1994 and the transition issues. Discussion around the table took place regarding different options. Sandi Fitzpatrick asked for guidance from Executive Committee regarding personnel time for CSL, due to the anticipated next four to five months of high activity related to CSL transition.
 - E. The Commission was reminded of the statutory prohibition of staff and appointed persons' use of time or dollars on election related activities including ballot propositions. Commissioners are allowed to take personal actions only on ballot measures or election activities.
 - F. Summons on First Amended Complaint – Carpenter's Union 46 is suing the state of California, various departments and us. The complaint is that these departments took large moves and collapsed them into smaller moves so the prevailing wage would not have to be paid. We will have to pay Attorney General fees regarding this suit as they are required to represent us.
 - D. Conference Reports:
American Society on Aging (ASA) - Hett Smith advised that she attended the ASA in March. Eight workshops were attended. Political spin was paramount. No federal aging policy direction or guidance was heard except devolution to state and local entities of aging concerns. Social Security and Medicare were highly politicized issues. A discussion followed with concerns about how the elderly are treated and ignored in disasters (i.e., New Orleans). Interaction between the elderly and the young, and aging in place was discussed as well.
- X. CCoA Membership Update
- A. Roberta King has submitted her resignation. The Governor's Office is conducting interviews and is close to making announcements on appointments. A letter has been issued to AAAs for nominations for new Commissioners.
 - B. New member orientation is being planned for half a day at the CCoA November meeting. Hett Smith is updating the current Commissioner's Manual and new ones will be issued in November.
- XI. Report of June 2005 Task Team Leader Meeting (Hett Smith/Esquivel):
Many teams are still working on some level. These groups include Mental Health, Oral Health, Financial Fraud, Transportation, Preventive Health, and Provider Workforce Development. Housing, Assistive Technology and Long Term Care and Chronic/Palliative Care are not currently meeting. CCoA will continue to provide

facilitation of quarterly meetings of task team chairs to share ideas/progress. CCoA will provide a reporting format to task teams for the 2005-07 cycle.

- XII. White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) Update (Fitzpatrick/Lambrinos): Lambrinos advised there are 117 delegates from California for WHCoA. California's delegates present a very powerful delegation because of who are listed. The training of the delegates for the Conference will be November 7, 2005, in Sacramento. Alternates are coming to this training but will not be allowed at the WHCoA, only the delegates. Fitzpatrick announced that there are no federal or state dollars financing this training. Executive Committee advised that the Commission take responsibility for providing the location, the food, and the speakers, and encourage the delegates (or organizations they are associated with) to finance their hotel and travel expenses. Hardship cases will have to be considered. A budget has been tentatively created but fund raising will have to continue to pay for expenses. Pynoos suggested this event be videoed or teleconferenced so that more people can see it. Staff will investigate this. Schachter asked if separate smaller trainings could be arranged more inexpensively. Lambrinos said this was looked into at first but again money is needed. Lambrinos pointed out that there were a number of items on the WHCoA training agenda that are still to be determined and asked if anybody has any suggestions, to be sure to notify him or Fitzpatrick.

Meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Full Commission Meeting, Reconvened

- XIII. Joyce Ellen Lippman, Executive Director, Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens was introduced by Dolton. This AAA is a private, non-profit organization covering two counties. Lippman introduced Leslie Steinmetz, Chair of Advisory Council, who discussed her experience serving on the advisory council its current activities. A packet of info was passed out to all Commissioners.
- What percentage of over 60 live in Santa Barbara?**
25 percent.
- Why do all the members of the Board of Directors come from a different county?**
Discussions are in place to cut Santa Barbara County in half.
- How are the roads?**
Mostly freeways.
- Has the number of conjugant meals decreased?**
Most of the conjugant meals have been transferred to home delivery meals, but the price of gasoline may affect that deeply.
- Is affordable housing an ongoing problem?**
Yes. Work is being done to try different angles.
- Are grandparents taking care of grandkids very much in the area?**
Yes. A lot
- Are the prices of programs going up?**
Yes. They are working on putting the programs in place regardless of price. Some of the senior centers are now doing things differently to bring the people in.
- (I suggest deleting this, the responses are not accurate as far as what Joyce said.)

- XIV. The Commission Executive Director reviewed the proposed CCoA Operational Plan for the Commissioners. The Operational Plan is adjustable to what is going on that concerns CCoA.
Obj 1: Updating activities and procedures of CCoA - Website updating, collateral updating, etc. Hett Smith will work on Policies and Procedures before she leaves.
Obj 2 is around SB 910 and our role to monitor and educate.
Obj 3: our role and responsibilities in relation to WHCoA.
Obj 4: facilitating coordinated aging advocacy efforts.
A discussion followed. Latimer made a motion, Lambrinos seconded, that the operational plan be accepted. Motion was carried.

Break

- XV. Susan Rose, Santa Barbara County Supervisor, talked about Santa Barbara County and City. Tourism is No. 1 industry here. Affordable housing is No. 1 concern in the county. Due to her interest in senior issues, Supervisory Rose started her own personal local Senior Advisory Committee in 1998. The two big issues she would like CCoA delegates to take to the WHCoA are encouraging and supporting integrated data systems, and more money needed to run senior programs.

- XVI. Committee Assignments for 2005-07 Cycle:
Committees will include SB 910, WHCoA Committee, Advocacy Committee, and Ad Hoc Committees related to SB 910 hearings and standard ad hoc committees listed in bylaws (nomination committee, etc.)
Lambrinos suggested CCoA send a form for Commissioners to indicate their preferences for committees.

- XVII. Commissioner Reports:
Summary of National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A) handouts were passed around.
Ross has been involved with mental health people and the elder abuse officials in Orange County.
Goode facilitated a recorded pharmacy piece with Bill Benson regarding best buy drugs.
Esquivel can give info regarding who to contact in AARP on a state level for their participation. The national AARP event recently canceled in New Orleans will be scheduled for Orlando next year.
Kim Selby is working with Contra Costa County with drug issues. Also working on legislative proposals. LRSP has been adopted by Contra Costa County and they are using it for training.
Glavaz has been doing classes on nurses.
Lundeen has been active in teaching Health Prevention Care.
Latimer attends Advisory Councils in San Diego and asking them to apply for Commissioner and some are.
Wyman reported that the first meeting of the ad hoc committee for advertising for the elderly on the web page met today and went very well.
Pynoos is involved in the Archstone Foundation with exercise for the elderly. They are creating a network across the nation regarding preventing falls. He is going to Australia on a lectureship trip from October to November.

Dennison has five proposals that have gone to bills on the Governor's desk. Is sending out letters and making contacts. Her Advisory Council is working on transportation in Humboldt County. They held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new wellness center in Crescent City.

Schachter is chairing the Steering Committee for a conference on Africa that is to take place next year. This event may have national and possibly international exposure. Is also planning an Older Women's and a Housing Conference in the Spring 2006.

Karr involved in a *Drive Well* program. Was very involved in getting SB 1018 signed. Giving *Seniors Against Investment Fraud* speeches. Went to National Association for Consumers in New Orleans. Writes a column in local newspaper every week about elderly financial abuse and other topics.

XVIII. Ray Mastalish was introduced and spoke a few words.

(since I was not here for this portion, I can't make any comments about this portion of the minutes)

Meeting was adjourned.

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